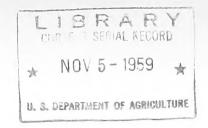




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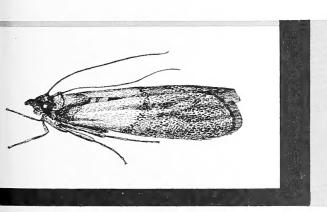
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INSECT SPECIES INVOLVED

Common name Scientific name

Indian-meal moth Plodia interpunctella (Hbn.)

Angoumois grain moth Sitotroga cerealella (Oliv.)

Ephestia moths (probably the almond moth and tobacco moth)

Ephestia spp.

Corn sap beetle <u>Carpophilus dimidiatus</u> (F.)

Saw-toothed grain beetle Oryzaephilus surinamensis (L.)

Flour beetles (confused and red

flour beetles)

Tribolium confusum Duv. and T. castaneum (Hbst.)

Black larder beetle <u>Dermestes ater</u> DeG.

Cigarette beetle <u>Lasioderma serricorne</u> (F.)

Flat grain beetle Laemophloeus pusillus (Schönh.)

Cadelle <u>Tenebroides mauritanicus (L.)</u>

Rice weevil Sitophilus oryza (L.)

Square-necked grain beetle Cathartus quadricollis (G.-M.)

Broad-horned flour beetle Gnathocerus cornutus (F.)

Coffee bean weevil Araecerus fasciculatus (DeG.)

Lesser grain borer Rhyzopertha dominica (F.)

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SUMMARY

A comprehensive study was made at Tifton, Ga., between 1952 and 1958 to determine the species of insects infesting stored farmers stock peanuts, their relative abundance, and the amount of damage they cause in typical commercial/storages. Supplementary studies were made of peanuts stored in 500-bushel metal bins and in small experimental 5-cubic-foot bins. The studies were extended to cover infestation during harvesting.

Several clear-cut findings relative to insect infestation and damage in farmers stock peanuts resulted from this study. Although the studies were confined for the most part to the area near Tifton, these findings will probably apply generally to all peanut-producing and storage areas in the United States.

- 1. Insect infestation was centered in, and almost exclusively confined to, the kernels in cracked pods and in the loose shelled kernels during the first season of storage. However, when the storage period was extended to 30 and 33 months, many additional pods became cracked due to drying, many solid pods were attacked by insects, and holes were cut in the shells. This tendency for infestation to spread to solid pods during extended storage was exhibited to a small degree in two instances where peanuts were stored 12 months.
- 2. Harvesting practices in Georgia during the 1957-58 season resulted in an average of 20 to 25 percent of cracked pods. There appeared to be little difference in the percentage of cracked pods between the picker-harvesting and combining methods or between the types of peanuts.
- 3. Insect infestation began in the field during harvesting. A small percentage of kernels was already insect damaged when the peanuts were delivered to the storage warehouse, and the same species of insects were associated with damage to kernels during the curing and harvesting period as during storage. The degree of damage progressed as the storage season advanced, and accelerated during the late spring and summer months.
- 4. Insect species involved were universally present in fields and warehouses. The five most abundant insects, and those which were considered responsible for most of the damage, were the Indian-meal moth, Ephestia moths (two species), the corn sap beetle, the saw-toothed grain beetle, and flour beetles (two species). A second group sometimes present in numbers included the cadelle, cigarette beetle, black larder beetle, Angoumois grain moth, rice weevil, flat grain beetle, square-necked grain beetle, broad-horned flour beetle, coffee bean weevil, and lesser grain borer.

INSECT INFESTATION AS A FACTOR IN STORING FARMERS STOCK PEANUTS GROWN IN GEORGIA

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INTRODUCTION

Under the procedure followed in the 1957-58 season, the majority of Commodity Credit Corporation loans on farmers stock peanuts were made while the peanuts were stored in commercial warehouses operating under CCC's storage contract. In years of small crops many of the peanuts were redeemed and sold, but in other years the peanuts were acquired by CCC in satisfaction of the loan and were maintained in commercial storages until disposed of by CCC. This may require storage through the summer months.

The problem of insect infestation has become more acute because of this situation, and for that reason, studies on the prevention or control of insect infestation in stored peanuts were begun in 1952 at the request of the Oils and Peanut Division of the Commodity Stabilization Service, and the Oilseeds and Peanut Research and Marketing Advisory Committee, As part of this research, extensive studies were made to determine the species of insects infesting stored farmers stock peanuts, their relative abundance, and the amount of damage they cause. A large part of the study was conducted in or near Tifton, Ga., and the observations reported herein are confined principally to Georgia conditions.

This report is part of a broad program of research to reduce the cost of marketing farm products, including the cost of preventing insect infestation in peanuts.

INFESTATION AND DAMAGE DURING STORAGE

Insect infestation and damage to farmers stock peanuts were observed in typical commercial storages between 1952 and 1957. Supplementary studies were made of the infestations in peanuts stored in steel bins (part of a project of on-the-farm storage of farmers stock peanuts), and of infestation and damage in peanuts stored in small experimental bins.

In Commercial Storage Warehouses

Five series of observations were made in commercial peanut warehouses. Series A included observations on peanuts stored for 30 months; series B consisted of samplings in selected warehouses in the 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, and 1955-56 seasons; series C represented a case history of the infestation at a shelling and storing plant; series D represented a case history of a commercial warehouse storing Spanish and Runner peanuts; and series E was a survey of damage in six commercial warehouses after 9 months' storage.

Series A

This study was conducted in two warehouses, one at Bainbridge, Ga., and the other at Tifton, Ga., where newly harvested peanuts from various farms were stored and placed under price-support loans. These peanuts were taken over by CCC and were kept in the same warehouse until sold. Observations were possible over a 30-month period, from the fall of 1952 until the spring of 1955.

As the peanuts were delivered to the Bainbridge warehouse, solid and cracked pods of both Spanish and Runner peanuts were segregated, then recombined into lots containing (a) all solid pods, (b) 75 percent solid, 25 percent cracked, (c) 50 percent solid, 50 percent cracked, and (d) bin-run. Replicates of each of the four types were placed in net bags and buried in bins of peanuts from which the samples had been selected. At Tifton the same procedure was followed with Runner peanuts.

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At Bainbridge, four replicates of both Spanish and Runner peanuts were removed after 12 months for examination, and the remaining replicates were left for 30 months. At Tifton only the 30-month observation was made. The samples were screened, and the insects collected and recorded.

The percentages of insect-damaged kernels found after 12 months' storage and after 30 months' storage are given in tables 1 and 2. The kernels in cracked pods had been severely damaged after 12 months, which raised the percentage of damage in all kernels to 18.4 and 20.9 percent in the bin-run samples of Spanish and Runner peanuts. By the end of 30 months the number of cracked pods had increased, undoubtedly due to drying, and a number of pods had been penetrated by insects since the 12-month inspection. A large proportion of the kernels in cracked pods had been damaged by insects, and up to onethird or more of the kernels in pods penetrated by insects had also been damaged, so that the percentage of all kernels showing insect damage was more than double that at 12 months in the Spanish peanuts, and about 50 percent more in the Runner peanuts.

The following insects were screened from the samples when they were removed for examination at the end of the 30-month storage period:

	Bainbr	Tifton	
Insect	Spanish	Runner	Runner
	Number	Number	Number
Indian-meal moth	244	257	375
Ephestia moths (two species).	74	136	188
Angoumois grain moth	51	89	72
Saw-toothed grain beetle	424	501	616
Flour beetles (two species)	406	416	559
Com sap beetle	99	65	155
Cadelle	72	112	147
Cigarette beetle	41	60	110
Rice weevil	22	40	50
Black larder beetle	42	40	120
Flat grain beetle	5	0	56

Series B

Nine commercial peanut warehouses were sampled in November, January, March, and June to determine the abundance of insects--two warehouses during the 1952-53 season, two during the 1954-55 season,

and three during the 1955-56 season. At each sampling enough probe samples were taken to aggregate 5 gallons of peanuts, and five surface samples 1 yard square by 2 inches deep were removed. These samples were screened, and the insects were collected and recorded. No attempt was made to record the percentages of insect-damaged kernels. The peanuts were all Spanish type and classed as Segregation 1. Segregation 1 is an arbitrary classification used in making price support loans, and consists of the top grade of peanuts with less than 2 percent total damage.

Table 3 shows that the moths, flour beetles, saw-toothed grain beetle, black larder beetle, and cigarette beetle tended to increase in numbers as the storage season progressed, but that the corn sap beetle tended to decrease.

Series C

This study represents a survey of a large peanut-shelling plant which exhibited an extremely heavy moth infestation during January 1955. The plant had three upright silo-type bins filled with bulk farmers stock peanuts, which were being shelled at the time the infestation became severe. One bin was more heavily infested than the others, and observations were made in this bin.

Thousands of mature moth larvae were present in the tunnel beneath the more heavily infested upright bin. Migrating larvae on the interior walls of this bin averaged 10 per square yard in the first 6 feet above the surface of the peanuts. A total of 871 moths emerged from fifteen 1-gallon samples of fine screenings from the cleaner, in the flow from above the bin to the sheller. Of greatest concern was the fact that moth larvae were riding through the shelling process and appearing in the sacked, shelled peanuts. The moths were found to be a mixture of the Angoumois grain moth, the Indian-meal moth, and Ephestia moths (two species).

Samples of peanuts were taken from the surface areas of the more heavily infested bins, from the sides of the inverted cone above the unloading port, from the peanuts falling into the cone above the discharge, and from the belt beneath the bin. These samples were screened, the insects collected and recorded, and the samples were

then examined for insect-damaged kernels. The fifteen 1-gallon samples of fine screenings mentioned in the preceding paragraph were also screened for insects.

The insects recovered are listed in table 4 and the percentages of insect-damaged kernels in table 5. Even though the concern of the operator was directed toward the moth infestation, the population of beetles was also heavy. Insect damage to kernels in cracked pods averaged almost 25 percent, and to all kernels 4.6 percent. The injury was more typical of damage done by beetles than by moth larvae.

The bins and the shelling plant were fumigated and the infestation brought under control after the survey was made.

Series D

This study represents a survey of a commercial warehouse where newly harvested 1955-crop Spanish and Runner peanuts from various growers were stored and used as collateral for price-support loans. The insect damage to kernels was recorded at the beginning, during intervals of storage, and again as the peanuts were removed for shelling. The species of insects and their relative abundance were also recorded.

The increase in the percentage of insectdamaged kernels during the period of the study is presented in table 6. The insect damage in Runners was greater than in Spanish peanuts at the time of delivery to the warehouse, and also up to the time they were delivered to the sheller, which correlated with the greater percentage of cracked pods in the Runner peanuts. Damage in the surface layer of peanuts increased progressively during the storage period. The damage was greater in the surface samples than in samples representing the whole bulk of the peanuts, but the increase in damage from the beginning to the end of the storage period was in about the same proportion.

The insects found in 10 replicate surface samples and 10 replicate probe samples at the end of the storage period are shown in the following tabulation.

<u>Insect</u>	Surface sample	Probe sample
Moth larvae	221	37
Flour beetles (two species)	116	99
Saw-toothed grain beetle	91	37
Cigarette beetle	64	28
Corn sap beetle	30	13
Flat grain beetle	17	2
Cadelle	25	0

Series E

A survey of the degree of insect damage to kernels in pods and to loose shelled kernels was made in the summer of 1957 when CCC-owned peanuts in six commercial warehouses in Worth, Lee, Pulaski, and Crisp Counties in Georgia were consolidated by relocation at another site in order to empty the six warehouses before the new harvest began. The peanuts were of the 1956 crop and had been in storage since the fall of 1956. The movement to the consolidated site was begun July 1, 1957.

Samples were obtained from every truckload of peanuts loaded out from each warehouse. These samples of a varied but similar size were the excess portions of the ones taken by the Federal-State Inspection Service for official grade determination. The percentages of insect-damaged kernels in solid and cracked pods, and in loose shelled kernels, were determined for each sample and averaged for each warehouse. These percentages are presented in table 7. The insect damage was high in the loose shelled kernels, but ranged from only 1.24 to 3.43 percent in the kernels in pods. The insects screened from the total excess portions of the Federal-State samples were also recorded. The number of insects collected from the samples was not large either, considering the volume of samples involved (table 8). The species and their relative abundance were typical of those found in other warehouses.

In Experimental 500-Bushel Circular Metal Bins

From 1952 to 1957 the possibilities of storing farmers stock peanuts on the farm under the price-support loan program were

explored through a cooperative agreement whereunder CCC provided peanuts and storage facilities and the work was done by research specialists at the Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, and Texas agricultural experiment stations. A part of this study was conducted at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Tifton. Peanuts were stored in five 500-bushel circular metal bins 10 feet high and 9 feet in diameter, during the storage seasons of 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56, and 1956-57. The Stored-Product Insects Laboratory participated in this study to the extent of recording the percentages of insect-damaged kernels in pods in each bin throughout each season, and the loose shelled kernels and the insect damage in them at the beginning and end of each season. The species of insects present and their relative abundance were also recorded. Some bins were given insecticidal treatments in each year's series, but only data from those that received no treatment are presented here to supplement the observations made in commercial warehouses. This group includes two bins of 1952-crop peanuts, one of the 1953 crop, four of the 1954 crop, four of the 1955 crop, and four of the 1956 crop.

The percentage of insect-damaged kernels in pod samples taken from the surface and from the bulk mass of each bin at intervals from the beginning to the end of each storage season, and the percentages of insect-damaged kernels in the loose shelled kernels at the time of loading and emptying the bins, are presented in table 9. The damage to kernels in pods ranged from 0 to 0.79 percent at the beginning of the storage periods, and from 2.68 to 7.28 percent at the end of the periods. The number of loose shelled kernels per quart of peanuts did not tend to increase during the storage periods, but the damage to them ranged from 0 to 4.4 percent at the beginning of storage, and from 18.3 to 41.9 percent at the end of storage.

The species of insects collected during each season from the bins under observation are presented in table 10. The relative abundance of the various species in these bins followed the general pattern shown in records from commercial storages.

In Experimental 5-Cubic-Foot Bins

A large number of exploratory or comparative tests were conducted at the laboratory in which lots of approximately 3 bushels of farmers stock peanuts were stored in 5-cubic-foot, open-topped, drumtype bins placed at random on the second floor of an unheated and rather open barn on the experiment station grounds. Each bin was a 2- x 6-foot sheet of masonite rolled into a cylinder and the overlapping edges fastened with roundheaded stove bolts. This cylinder was placed upright on a 24-inch square of masonite. The species of insects attacking peanuts in these bins, their relative abundance, and the degree of damage resulting from various lengths of storage periods, are considered to be comparable to the infestation and damage in commercial storages. Therefore, these data are presented to supplement and augment the observations made in commercial warehouses. Since the tests involved were made for many and varied reasons, the pertinent data are grouped as follows: Group X, where the degree of damage was related to the proportion of cracked pods; group Y, where the degree of damage was recorded for various lengths of storage periods; and group Z, where the insects are recorded for various storage seasons.

Group X

The tests grouped here were made to study the relationship of the proportion of cracked and solid pods to the number of insect-damaged kernels. Lots of peanuts were prepared with known proportions of cracked pods, that is, 50 percent, 25 percent, and none; and one lot was taken from the source supply "as is." Replicate 3-bushel samples were placed in experimental drum-type bins as described above, where they remained undisturbed for the indicated length of storage. At that time the lot was reduced through a peanut divider to a 100-or 1,000-pod sample, and the percentage of insect-damaged kernels was determined.

The percentages of insect-damaged kernels in three experiments of this nature are given in table 11. The percentage of damaged kernels in relation to the proportion

of cracked pods is in logical order. This is one of few instances where kernels in solid pods were found damaged when the storage period was 12 months or less. The 30-month storage test was made in parallel with those in commercial storages as presented in Series A, and the percentages of damaged kernels are very close to those in the commercial storage.

Group Y

The check samples are grouped here from a number of tests where insecticides were applied.

The observations are summarized in table 12. The damage to kernels is of the same degree as observed in other storage tests with comparable lengths of storage.

Group Z

Records of the species of insects found in the drum-type bins, and of their relative abundance were taken at the end of two storage seasons, at the time that the bins were emptied. The observations are tabulated below.

Insect	1954-55 season (60 bins)	1953-54 season (63 bins)
Indian-meal moth	531	1,891
Ephestia moths (two		•
species)	153	597
Angoumois grain moth .	109	164
Flour beetles (two		
species)	15,065	5,608
Saw-toothed grain		•
beetle	24, 108	9,452
Cadelle	2, 265	641
Corn sap beetle	562	
Flat grain beetle	345	
Rice weevil	274	
Cigarette beetle	235	203
Black larder beetle	156	
Square-necked grain		
beetle	75	
Coffee bean weevil	5	

These insects were of the same species as those found in commercial warehouses, and were present in about the same relative abundance in each environment.

INFESTATION AND DAMAGE DURING HARVESTING

It became evident as warehouse and bin studies progressed that when the peanuts were delivered to the warehouse they already showed some insect infestation and damage, which must have occurred during harvesting. This finding was contrary to the long-accepted belief that infestation was strictly a storage problem and took place after the peanuts were in the warehouse from sources in or around the warehouse. Therefore studies were conducted between 1955 and 1958 to determine (1) the degree of damage and the insects that infested all three types of peanuts--Runner, Virginia, and Spanish--as they arrived at the warehouse, (2) the steps in the harvesting procedure at which infestation took place, and (3) the sources of such infestation.

Upon Arrival at Warehouse

Three separate studies were made on this subject. In Series F, Runner peanuts harvested by combines and by peanut pickers from two selected groups of fields were sampled upon delivery to the warehouse in the fall of 1955, and the degree of damage for the two groups was compared. In Series G, samples were taken upon delivery of Spanish and Runner peanuts harvested by combines and peanut pickers from the crops of 1955 and 1956, from selected fields. In Series H, samples were collected in 1955, 1956, and 1957 upon delivery to a number of warehouses. The samples were selected so that all three types of peanuts -- Spanish, Runner, and Virginia -- and both harvesting procedures -- combining and picker-harvesting--were represented each year. The identity as to field of origin was not kept in this study.

Series F

This study was made to compare the amount of insect damage and the species present in Runner peanuts harvested by combines and by pickers as delivered to the warehouse. The fields were selected in the vicinity of Tifton early in August, and during the harvest records were made of the intervals between digging and picking and of the weather during these intervals. Ten fields were harvested by combines, and six fields by peanut pickers. In five fields harvested by combines the vines were clipped, and in the other five vines remained unclipped.

Upon delivery at the warehouse following picking, a sample was removed from one truckload of peanuts from each field and examined for insect damage. This sample

was the surplus portion of the one taken for official grade determination by the Federal-State Inspection Service and was considered representative of the whole truckload. In addition, a 3-bushel sample was placed in a 5-cubic-foot drum-type bin covered with cheesecloth, and held for 45 days. The insects emerging from these samples were recorded.

The insect damage in the peanuts upon arrival at the warehouse is presented in table 13. The damage to kernels was nearly equal for each group, and at this stage had not advanced very far. It was enough, however, to serve as an important source of later infestation in the warehouse. The following tabulation gives the number of insects collected from the caged 3-bushel samples after 45 days:

Insect	Combined (10 fields)	Picker- harvested (6 fields)
Angoumois grain moth	55	27
Ephestia moths (two species)	122	127
Flour beetles (two species)	99	45
Saw-toothed grain beetle	13	5
Corn sap beetle	61	77
Square-necked grain beetle	25	20
Coffee bean weevil	1	5
Cigarette beetle	14	6
Total	390	312

Series G

This study was made to obtain information on the amount of insect damage in Spanish and Runner peanuts upon delivery to warehouses, from a wider area than was represented in Series F. Fields were selected in three counties in Southern Georgia in 1955, and a sample was taken from one truckload from each field as it was delivered to the local warehouse. This sample was the surplus portion of the one taken by the Federal-State Inspection Service for official grade determination. This amount was reduced through a peanut divider to 1 quart, from which 100 pods were selected at random, and the percentage of insect-damaged kernels was determined. Fields were selected in 1956 from one of the three counties represented in 1955, and from two additional counties for similar records. Enough insects were recovered to determine that both moths and beetles were present.

The insect damage in the representative samples taken upon arrival at the local

warehouses is presented in table 14. The data demonstrate that infestation took place during harvest in 29 of 31 fields, and that such infestation is probably more or less common in the Georgia peanut-producing area.

Series H

In this study a survey was made of the prevalence and degree of insect damage to peanuts of all types at the time of delivery to a number of local warehouses within a radius of 30 miles from Tifton, in the crop years 1955, 1956, and 1957. The surplus portions of samples taken by the Federal-State Inspection Service for official grade determination were used for this purpose. The type of peanut and the method of harvesting were recorded for each sample. The quantity was reduced through a peanut divider to 1 quart, and 100 pods were selected at random for determination of insect-damaged kernels. In the 1956 and 1957 samples the loose shelled kernels in the quart were counted, and the percentage of insect damage in these samples was also determined. In the 1957 season a second quart sample from each truckload was held for approximately 3 months, and the insects emerging from these samples were recorded.

The records of insect damage in the incoming peanuts at each local warehouse are presented in table 15. These show damage in kernels in the pods ranging from 0.3 to 8.3 percent. Damage was very prevalent in the loose shelled kernels, ranging from 0 to 83 percent, and often more loose shelled kernels were damaged than were the kernels in pods, even though the number of loose shelled kernels was much less than kernels in pods.

Insect damage to kernels was present in about the same degree in each type of peanut, that is, Spanish, Runner, or Virginia, and there also appeared to be little difference whether the peanuts were harvested by pickers or combines. Likewise, insect damage was universally present in peanuts entering each warehouse.

The insects emerging from the extra quart samples retained from each truckload are listed in table 16. The pattern was about the same for each warehouse.

During Harvesting

Other studies were made concurrently with Series F, G, and H to determine the

degree of infestation and damage at each step in the harvesting process and during the combining process. In picker-harvesting, which is the traditional method, the peanuts on the vines are stacked on upright poles as soon as dug, where they cure for periods up to 30 days or more. The peanuts are then removed from the vines by a stationary picker. In combining, which is rapidly becoming the favored method of harvesting, the vines are windrowed when dug and after a short curing period of 8 to 20 days are picked by a combine which moves down each windrow and picks up the peanuts.

Picker Harvesting

During the years 1952 through 1955, 50 fields were examined 3 times each year during the harvesting period. Five counties were involved, and 10 fields were sampled in each county, one-half of the fields Spanish peanuts, and one-half Runner. The first examination was made during September after the peanuts had been dug and stacked, the second about a month later, and the third when the peanuts were picker-harvested. In each field 10 stacks were sampled, 250 pods being removed from each stack and consolidated into a single sample representing the field. The pods were collected from the exterior of each stack, from near the pole, and from the mid-point between the pole and the surface. The 2,500pod sample was divided once with a peanut divider, one-half was shelled, and the first 1,000 kernels were examined for injury. The excess peanuts from each field were caged, and the insects that emerged were recorded. In addition, any insects noted on peanuts in the stacks were collected and recorded.

The percentage of insect-damaged kernels found at the three inspections made each year are presented in table 17. The percentage increased as the season progressed.

The insects collected from the stacks or emerging from the excess peanuts in the samples are listed in table 18. The number of insects was greater in Spanish peanuts than in Runners, which correlated with the greater percentage of insect-damaged kernels in the Spanish peanuts (table 17). In records not presented here it was demonstrated that the insects were about equally abundant in each of the five counties. The

data in table 18 demonstrate the variation in abundance from season to season. The six most abundant species in descending order were the same in both Spanish and Runner peanuts.

In 1956 a miscellaneous lot of field stacks at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, which were to be left undisturbed for several months, were inspected periodically and a record made of insects found on them. These observations are tabulated in table 19. The number of insects increased as the season progressed.

In 1955 a study was made of the relation of the time of harvest and the degree of infestation at picking. Thirty fields were selected near Tifton which represented three conditions: (a) early digging and early picking--about 1 to 2 weeks' curing, (b) early digging and late picking--about 4 to 6 weeks' curing, and (c) late digging and late picking--about 3 to 4 weeks' curing. At picking time, about 3 bushels of peanuts were taken from each lot, and insects removed by screening. Each sample was held for 1 week and all emerging insects collected, then it was screened again.

The insects collected are tabulated in table 20. There appeared to be a correlation between the number of insects recovered and the length of the curing period. The shorter periods had significantly fewer insects associated with them than did the long curing periods of 4 to 6 weeks.

Combine Harvesting

A study was made in 1955 of insect infestation and damage occurring during harvesting when combines were used. The weather was ideal, and the harvest was completed with about the minimum number of curing days and the minimum opportunity for infestation. Observations were made in three fields of Runner peanuts in which the vines were not clipped. The vines were dropped in a row when dug, and windrowed 3 days later after shaking with a peanut shaker. The peanuts were combined on the eighth day.

Ten counts were made in each field before and after shaking, and records were made of cracked pods, loose shelled kernels, and insect damage. During combining, thirty 1-gallon samples of peanuts were taken from the windrows in each field, 10 of peanuts on the exposed surface area, 10 from near the center of the windrow, and 10 from next to the soil. In addition, twelve 1-gallon samples were taken from the combine. Records were made of the cracked pods and insect-damaged kernels in samples from the windrow and from the combine, and of the number of loose shelled kernels in combine samples. The moisture content of the windrow and combine samples was also determined.

The percentages of insect-damaged kernels, cracked pods, and moisture content before and after shaking and before and after combining are summarized in table 21. The data in table 21 indicate that very few pods were cracked by digging, but that combining increased the number of cracked pods considerably. The insect infestation, based on the percentage of insect-damaged kernels was very slight, probably due to the short period, and to the lack of cracked pods. The interval between the records before and after combining covers only a few hours so that no increase in infestation would be expected during that period.

Loose shelled kernels were found after windrowing, after shaking, and after combining. The shaking process increased the number of loose shelled kernels found in samples consisting of 5 lineal feet of windrow. The number of loose shelled kernels per gallon sample from the combine is in addition to the row count, and is indicative of the fact that combining produces additional loose shelled kernels.

	Loose kernels per gallon sample						
Field No.	Before shaking	After shaking	After combining				
1	4.0	6.8	10.3				
2	1.3	2.4	8.0				
3	3.7	4.4	7.9				

Insects were found causing injury to kernels in the row counts. These were either the corn sap beetle, the Angoumois grain moth, the Indian-meal moth, or the flour beetles. Loose shelled kernels collected from the windrows were caged and emerging insects (first three of the above-mentioned species) recorded. The cracked pods in samples from the combine were also

caged, and the above four species emerged from these samples.

Source of Insects Infesting Peanuts During Harvesting

Since infestation had been noted in peanuts almost immediately after digging, observations were made of the prevalence of stored-product insects in peanut fields before harvest was begun.

Uniform sweepings were made in 50 peanut fields near Tifton on August 2-4 and 25-27, 1956. Twenty-five collections were made in each field, and each collection consisted of 10 sweeps of a standard 12-inch sweeping net. The following insects were collected:

Aug. 2-4	Aug. 25-27
21	152
14	201
7	28
3	1
2	1
2	1
0	16
	21 14 7 3 2

Insects were more plentiful in late August than in early August in these fields.

Uniform sweepings were also made in peanut fields in the Georgia-Florida-Alabama peanut-growing area on September 9-12, 1956. The following insects were collected from 13 fields in Alabama, 3 in Florida, and 11 in Georgia:

Insect	Alabama	Florida	Georgia
Indian-meal moth	1	0	4
Angoumois grain moth	4	1	13
Corn sap beetle	15	12	62
Square-necked grain			
beetle	16	13	49
Coffee bean weevil	3	0	8
Flour beetles	2	2	0
Saw-toothed grain			
beetle	0	2	0
Cigarette beetle	0	0	5

In 1957 uniform sweepings were made in four fields on the experiment station at Tifton at periodic intervals. The following tabulation shows the build-up of stored-productinsect populations as the season advanced.

Insect	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 6	Sept. 17	Sept. 27
Indian-meal moth	0	1	2	0	0
Angoumois grain moth	0	1	2	1	0
Corn sap beetle		4	3	6	9
Square-necked grain beetle		0	0	0	14
Rice weevil		1	0	3	0
Coffee bean weevil	0	0	0	1	0
Flour beetles.		0	0	0	3

It was suspected that stacks of peanut hay containing the vines from the recent harvest might be the means of carrying stored-product insect populations from harvest until the next year. Four stacks in each of four fields were examined at intervals during the winter of 1953-54, and again in 1954-55, until the

hay was baled or spread on the fields in the spring. One hundred stems were examined each time. Emergence cages were maintained on each stack, but collection dates were not recorded. The insects collected were as follows:

	1953-54			1954-55					
Insect	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	In cages	Nov.	Feb.	Apr.	In cages
Indian-meal moth	4	2	2	1	5	2	3	5	5
Ephestia moths (two species)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angoumois grain moth	7	5	0	2	10	3	1	2	6
Corn sap beetle	29	70	24	4	41	41	37	28	44
Flour beetles (two species)	3	4	2	0	4	8	0	0	5
Coffee bean weevil	7	7	1	0	3	4	0	3	10
Black larder beetle	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rice weevil	0	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	0
Saw-toothed grain beetle	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cigarette beetle	0	0	0	3	. 0	0	0	0	0
Square-necked grain beetle	0	0	0	0	0	13	7	0	0
Lesser grain borer	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0

Peanut hay from the 1956 crop, both baled and bulk, which had been placed in barns, was also examined periodically. In March 1957 the following insects were recovered:

Insect	Baled hay	Bulk hay
Indian-meal moth	18	1
Ephestia moths (two species)	11	8
Flour beetles (two species)	3	11
Black larder beetle	2	4
Corn sap beetle	0	1
Flat grain beetle	0	2

Another source suspected of aiding stored-product insects to carry over from one season to another was the cleanings from peanut shellers, which are sometimes returned to peanut farms as hog feed. One such lot of cleanings taken back to a farm in April contained 2 Indian-meal moth pupae, 1 Ephestia moth pupa, 4 flour beetles, and 1 black larder beetle.

COMPARISON OF TOTAL INSECT DAMAGE AND INSECT-DAMAGED KERNELS IN GRADE DETERMINATION

The method of determining the percentages of insect damage in loose shelled kernels and in kernels in samples of pods from field- or bin-run farmers stock peanuts, as used in the studies reported herein, gives an estimation of damage different from that obtained by the method used in establishing the loan value of a lot of peanuts.

In establishing the loan value, the loose shelled kernels are first removed, then the kernels from pods are passed over a screen of appropriate size. The percentage of damaged kernels in those riding the screen is then determined, and a penalty is assessed for each percentage point above 1 percent. The remainder riding the screen are classed as "sound mature kernels." All the kernels passing through the screen are classed as "other kernels."

Therefore insect-damaged, loose-shelled kernels did not enter into the grade, and were of economic importance only insofar as they reduced the weight of the total loose shelled kernels. The loose shelled kernels had a price support value of 7 cents a pound in 1958.

Not all insect-damaged kernels in pods entered into the grade determination -- only those that rode the screen. The sound kernels that rode the screen had a value of \$3.06 to \$3.19 per tonper percentage point of the total weight, with a discount for each percent of damaged kernels in excess of 1 percent. Damaged kernels that passed through the screen along with the rest that passed through were classed as "other kernels" and were valued at \$1.40. Also the damaged kernels which rode the screen were valued at \$1.40 per ton per percentage point. From this, it is apparent that insect damage reduces the value of kernels which ride the screen from \$3.06 or more to \$1.40 per ton per percentage point, a difference of \$1.66 or more per point. And, in addition, a penalty of \$3.50 or more was exacted for each percentage of damaged kernels in excess of I percent.

A study was made in 1957 to compare the total insect damage count with the count of insect-damaged sound mature kernels in the grade determination. CCC-owned, 1956crop peanuts in six commercial warehouses were consolidated at one site. The peanuts had been in storage since the fall of 1956 and were graded as they were moved in July 1957. The excess portion of the sample of each truckload of peanuts taken by the Federal-State Inspection Service for grade determination was reduced through a peanut divider to 1 quart. The loose shelled kernels in this quart were counted, and the number of insect-damaged kernels among them was determined. A random sample of 100 pods was then removed from the quart, and segregated into cracked and solid pods. The insect-damaged kernels in the cracked pods were then counted. There were no damaged kernels in the solid pods. The grade determination for the other portion of the same sample was obtained from the Federal-State Inspection Service, and the

two records were paired. Paired records were thus obtained from 733 truckloads of peanuts.

In order to demonstrate the comparison on an individual truckload basis, records for the first five and last five truckloads from each of the six warehouses are presented in table 22. The averages of all records for each warehouse are presented in table 23. The data in table 23 show that under the conditions of these observations only one-third to one-fourth of the insect-damaged kernels in pods ride the screen and become a factor in establishing the percentage of total damage in the grade determination.

FINDINGS

Although the results of this study are being reported at this time, additional information on the subjects discussed will be gained in future work. Observations and studies will be continued, as storage practices and methods of handling are everchanging and consequently the insect populations and the insects involved may change accordingly.

The following points, however, were evident while this work was being summarized.

- 1. Insect damage was confined to loose shelled kernels and kernels in cracked pods during a normal storage season.
- Cracked pods are found in peanuts harvested by different methods.
- 3. Cracked pods are found in all types of peanuts.
- 4. Insect infestation begins in the field during harvest and damage progresses as the storage season advances.
- 5. Moth populations (larvae and adults) are most abundant on or above the surface of the peanuts during late fall and spring months. Beetle populations are hidden in the bulk of the peanuts and usually can only be found by sifting the samples.

TABLES

TABLE 1.--Insect-damaged kernels per 100 pods in 1952-crop Spanish and Runner peanuts after 12 months of storage at Bainbridge, Ga.

Type of peanut and	Replica-		damaged in d pods		damaged in ked pods	Percentage of kernels damaged in
composition of sample	CIOUS	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentáge	all pods
Spanish peanuts	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent
100 percent solid	3	6.7	4.1			4.1
75-25 solid-cracked	3	7.0	6.3	12.3	32.2	13.0
50-50 solid-cracked	3	3.3	4.4	28.7	34.7	20.1
58-42 solid-cracked						
(bin-run)	6	2.7	3.1	24.3	39.7	18.4
Runner peanuts						
100 percent solid	3	6.3	3.6		=	3.6
75-25 solid-cracked	3	7.3	5.7	17.3	51.0	15.1
50-50 solid-cracked	3	4.3	4.8	44.6	64.4	30.7
69-31 solid-cracked						
(bin-run)	6	1.0	.8	33.2	70.2	20.9

TABLE 2.--Insect-damaged kernels per 1,000 pods in 1952-crop Spanish and Runner peanuts after 30 months of storage at Bainbridge and Tifton Ga.

Percentage of kernels	damaged in	r		Dorcont	21.0	31.6	45.5	40.2		15.7	25.5	45.7	25.6			7.4	32.0	49.2	41.4
ds	Kernels	Damaged		Porcont	90.1	84.8	81.7	87.4		6.26	97.2	7.96	6.96			90.5	91.4	84.3	92.8
Cracked pods	Ke	Total		Number	192	405	775	563		6	391	669	279			42	441	715	450
Cre	Percent-	total		Porcent	11.5	26.6	50.8	35.5		5.6	25.0	48.0	20.3			2.6	26.0	0.64	29.5
ed by	Kernels	Damaged		Percent	43.4	32.5	19.5	37.1		31.4	23.3	16.8	31.4			15.5	27.0	11.9	28.9
penetrated insects	Ker	Total		Number	442	400	267	323		544	404	375	457			582	519	294	453
Pods	Percent-	total		Percent	28.4	26.2	17.6	20.1		31.8	22.8	21.0	27.0			34.0	33.5	17.9	26.3
Ø	Kermels	Damaged		Percent	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0
Solid pods	Ke	Total		Number	1,100	687	463	638		1,040	905	240	893			1,100	/38	579	739
SS	Percent-	total		Percent	60.1	47.2	31.6	44.4		62.6	52.2	31.0	52.7			63.4	4°.5	33.1	44.5
Repli-	cations			Number	٦	Н	Н	2		Ч	Ч	М	N			Н,	-1	~-1	2
Location, type of peanut,	and composition of sample		Bainbridge	Spanish peanuts	100 percent solid	75-25 solid-cracked	50-50 solid-cracked	(bin-run)	Runner peanuts	100 percent solid	75-25 solid-cracked	50-50 solid-cracked	(bin-run)	Tifton	Runner peanuts	100 percent solid		50-50 solid-cracked	(bin-run)

TABLE 3.--Insects collected from Spanish peanuts in commercial peanut warehouses in Georgia in November, January, March, and June during four storage seasons, 1952-55

Season and month sampled 1952-53 season November January	Ware- houses sampled Mumber 2	Moth larvae Number 13 18	Angoumois grain moth Number 1 3	Flour beetles Number 24 60 145	Saw- toothed grain beetle Number 14 87	Corn sap beetle Number 90 49	Der- mestes beetle Number 10 27	Cadelle Number 3	Flat grain beetle Number	Cigarette beetle beetle Number
June	CV C	145	0 (304	141	24	147	. [2	
November January March June	N N N H	134	0000	59 92 121 146	15 33 54	0 t 4 0	118	0000	11 16 3	13
1954-55 season November January Warch	N N N N	52 123 334 503	0000	34 80 185 229	29 123 279	9 27 L 4 55 C O	4 5 9 9	0 7 % 10	0000	333
1955-56 season November January June	σ	162 370 647 678	0000	44 88 131 216	5 27 94 103	178 116 20 8	12 31 49 42	7600	0 9 9 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1	0 0 59 100

TABLE 4.--Insects collected from various sources in a peanut-shelling plant in Georgia, 1955

Insect	Surface of bin	Bulk of bin	Sheller belt	Fine screenings
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Indian-meal moth (adults)	65	0	0	0
Angoumois grain moth (adults)	13	0	0	0
Ephestia moths (adults)	42	0	0	0
Moth larvae	106	21	183	0
Flour beetles	73	205	216	2,167
Corm sap beetle	32	71	56	102
Dermestes beetle	16	57	41	9
Saw-toothed grain beetle	0	79	141	567
Cigarette beetle	0	18	41	71
Flat grain beetle	0	26	31	39
Cadelle	0	24	61	19
Rice weevil	Ō	0	19	0
Square-necked grain beetle	0	Ö	0	27
Broad-horned flour beetle	Ö	Ö	Ö	11

TABLE 5.--Insect-damaged kernels per 100 pods in peanuts stored at a shelling plant in Georgia, 1955

		Sc	olid pod	ls	Cra	acked po	ods	Percentage
Source of sample	Repli- cations	Percent-	Кез	mels	Percent-	Ker	mels	of kernels damaged in
		age of total	Total	Damaged	age of total	Total	Damaged	all pods
Surface areas of bin	Number 5	Percent 80	Number 146	Percent O	Percent 20	Number 41	Percent 20.6	Percent 3.8
Side of discharge cone	5	81	149	0	19	32	24.4	4.3
Spill into discharge cone.	5	81	148	0	19	34	25.4	4.7
Sheller belt	5	79	140	0	21	37	27.3	5.7

TABLE 6.--Insect-damaged kernels per 100 pods in Spanish and Runner peanuts at various periods during commerc. A storage in Georgia, 1955-56 season

			Solid pods		0	Cracked pods		Dernentage
Date, source of sample, and type of peanut	Repli- cations	Percent-	Keri	Kernels	Percent-	Ker	Kernels	of kernels
		age of total	Total	Damaged	age of total	Total	Damaged	all pods
September 27 to October 13 Delivery to warehouse Spanish peanuts	Number 6 4	Percent 82 72	Number 143 134	Percent 0 0	Percent 18 28	Number 28 47	Percent 4.7 11.2	Percent 0.7
October 29 Surface areas Spanish peanuts	0 4	82	151	00	18	6 0 0 0	5.2	.7.8
November 25 Surface areas Spanish peanuts	0 4	84	153	00	16 29	26	7.1	1.7
January 9 Surface areas Spanish peanuts	04	78	144	00	22	37	10.0	2.0
March 2 Surface areas Spanish peanuts	0 4	79	143	00	21 27	34 46	23.5	4.5
March 2 to 9 Delivery to sheller Spanish peanuts	V ~1	78	142	00	22 59 2	35	21.0	7.0

TABLE 7.--Insect-damaged kernels in 1950-crop peanuts removed from storage in 6 commercial warehouses in Georgia, July 1957

		Loose shelled kernels per quart	helled er quart				Per 100 pods	ro.		
County and warehouse	Truck	of peanuts	nuts		Solid pods		Cre	Cracked pods		Percentage
מון	sampled	F a + C F	Percent-	Percent-	Kernels	els	Percent-	Kernels	els	of kernels damaged in
		7	damaged	total	Total	Damaged	total	Total	Damaged	all pods
	-	-				ı				
Warehouse A	Number 329	Number 47	Percent 26	Percent 70	Number 127	Percent 0	Percent 30	Number 46	Percent 4	Percent 2
Warehouse B	70	30	30	75	134	00	25	39	N N	гн
Warehouse D	24	37	21	62	117	0	35	57	5	М
Warehouse E	102	24	50	67	124	00	33	54 42	6	м м

TABLE 8.--Insects collected from samples of 1956-crop peanuts removed from storage in 6 commercial warehouses in Georgia,

County and Warehouse	Samples examined	Moth larvae	Saw- toothed grain beetle	Flour	Cadelle	Der- mestes beetle	corn sap beetle	Flat grain beetle	Cigar- ette beetle	Rice weevil
Crisp County Warehouse A	Number 329	Number 40	Number 1,928	Number 355	Number 219	Number 37	Number 70	Number 29	Number 25	Number 3
Lee County Warehouse B	70	00 %	606	126	52	m 0	41	13	Ч П	~ ~
Pulaski County Warehouse D	24	7	126	34	56	0	~1	12	0	0
Worth County Warehouse E	102 146	7	431	69	86 89	47	25	0 4	19	Н О
Total	733	161	4,279	687	485	117	155	99	52	9

TABLE 9.--Insect-damaged kernels in the surface and in the load mass of peanuts stored in experimental circular metal bins at Tifton, Ga., during 5 storage seasons

	cose shelled kernels per rt of peanuts	Percent- age damaged	Percent O	•	0	41.9	N	40.0	1.6	£.
from load mass	Loose s kernel quart of	Total kernels	Number 32	0	18	31	50	23	30	31
	of kernels	A11 pods	Percent 0.18 .89 .44 .97 1.24 1.36 3.97		1 7 7 6 7 7 6 7 7 6 7 7 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	6.92	1.07	2.80	1,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4	3.47
Samples	entage of kedamaged in-	Cracked	Percent 0.43 2.24 1.59 2.72 3.48 3.73 9.77		1.00	17.82	1.40 3.16 8.79 11.86	14.59	1.60 3.50 6.60 18.20 15.10	12.54
	Percentage damaged	Solid	Percent 0 0 0 0 0	>	0000	0	00000	0	00000) O
	Loose shelled kernels per quart of peanuts	Percent- age damaged	Percent 0	† • O H	7,•+	26.0	0	28.7	0	20.7
from surface	Loose kerne quart of	Total kernels	Number 25	13	23	27	25	24	17	22
	ernels	All	Percent 0.19 .59 .175 1.75 3.52 4.82	07.	1.61	6.30	1.77	80.	2.74 1.90 2.50 2.50	2,68
Samples	Percentage of kernels damaged in	Cracked	Percent 0.46 1.84 .72 6.22 10.60 13.31 21.29	T	2.08 3.69 9.38	12.80	3.10 6.24 11.33 17.06	16.50	2.72 7.96 6.60 15.80	7.95
	Percent	Solid	Percent 0 0 0 0 0 0)	00000	00	00000	0	00000	00
	Bins ob-	Da A. Jas	Number 222222222222222222222222222222222222	V	нннг		4444	† 4	44444	4 4
	Storage season and date of sampling		1952-53 season November 24 (load-in). February 3 March 6 April 6 May 6 June 2 July 7	August 14 (10au-0ur)	December 28	August 17 (load-out)	1954-55 season October 1 (load-in) January 3	July 25 (load-out)	November 9 (load-in). November 30 January 17 February 16	Way 14

TABLE 9.--Insect-damaged kernels in the surface and in the load mass of peanuts stored in experimental circular metal bins at Tifton, Ga., during 5 storage seasons--Continued

			Sample	es from	Samples from surface			Samples	from 1	Samples from load mass	
Storage season and date of sampling	Bins ob-	Percent d a m	ercentage of kernels damaged in	ernels	Loose kerne quart o	Loose shelled kernels per quart of peanuts	Percent dam	Percentage of kernels damaged in	rnels	Loose kerne	Loose shelled kernels per quart of peanuts
	served	Solid	Cracked All	All	Total kernels	Percent- age damaged	Solid	Cracked	All	Total	Percent- age damaged
1956-57 season October 5 (load-in). November 15. January 4. February 18. March 19. April 16. May 17. May 22 (load-out).	Num ber 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	Percent 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Percent Percent Number 0 0 0 16 0 3.7 8 0 8.8 2.7 4.4 2.3 0 17.9 5.5 0 11.1 3.1 0 21.1 5.7	Percent 0 8 2 3 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 7 5 7	Number 16 15	Percent 0 40.0	Percent	Percent Percent 0 2.3 0 3.7 0 10.9 0 10.9	Percent Number 35	Number 35 23	Percent 0 30.2

TABLE 10. -- Insects collected from peanuts stored in experimental circular metal bins at Tifton, Ga., 5 storage seasons 1952-56

Flat grain beetle	Number O	0	0	4	17
Der- mestes beetle	Number O	0	0	0	106
Cadelle	Number 12	2	5,9	35	127
Corn sap beetle	Number 4	0	33	17	508
Cigar- ette beetle	Number 26	to	М	\$ 0	390
Saw- toothed grain beetle	Number 126	34	78	123	573
Flour	Number 176	75	251	399	873
Angoumois grain moth	Number 16	9	49	41	65
Ephestia moths	Number 190	72	292	504	834
Indian- meal moth	Number 230	111	767	559	1,509
Bins	Number 2	Н	7	7	4
Storage season	1952-53 season	1953-54 season	1954-55 season	1955-56 season	1956-57 season

TABLE 11.--Insect-damaged kernels per 100 pods in Spanish, Runner, and Virginia peanuts after 12 and 30 months storage in experimental drum-type bins in Georgia, 1952-57

type of peanut, and cations composition of sample	220									Percentage
	Д	Kernels	els	Percent-	Keri	Kernels	Percent-	Ker	Kernels	oi kernels damaged in
	age or total	Total	Damaged	age or	Total	Damaged	total	Total	Damaged	all pods
Number 3	r Percent	Number 178	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Number 	Percent	Percent 3.37
mm	75	133	1.75				25	19	48.28	12.21
9	74	126	99.				26	42	69.69	15.43
44	100	1 1	• 0 0				25	i † 1 i		4 r 0 r .
4 4	000		0				24	1 1	1 1	4.6
ナナナ	100 75	1 1 1 1 1 1	° 0 0				255	1 1 1	1 1	5.6
	77	1	0				23	1	1	5.0
	100 75		. 00				25 50	1 1 1	1 1 1	7.00
	73	ł	0				27	i	E E	6.4
	71.9 49.1 37.6	125.5 73.0 51.3	000	20.4 22.0 13.4	32,0 34.4 19.6	48.2 27.9 23.5	7.7 28.9	12.6 45.8 72.6	87.3	15.5 31.5 46.0
2	7.70	71.5	0	18.2	27.5	53.5	34.8	8.64	87.1	39.0

TABLE 12.--Insect-damaged kernels per 100 pods in Spanish and Runner peanuts after varying lengths of storage in experimental drum-type bins in Georgia, 1952-54

			Solid pods		Cr	Cracked pods		Fercentage
Type of peanut and length and season of storage	Repli- cations	Percentage	Kernels	nels	Percentage	Ker	Kernels	of kernels damaged in
		of total	Total	Damaged	of total	Total	Damaged	all pods
Spanish peanuts	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent
11 months storage, 1952-53	₩	80	111	0	20	30	61.5	13.1
11 months storage, 1954-55	2	;	1 1	Į Į.		i	!	8.2
12 months storage, 1952-53	4	78	109	0	22	28	54.7	11.2
21 months storage, 1952-53	ω	75	120	0	25	35	75.1	17.0
33 months storage, 1952-53	т	82	154	13.7	18	32	77.2	24.6
Runner peanuts 21 months storage, 1953-54	4	1	1	1	1	1	!	13.6

TABLE 13.--Insect-damaged kernels per 100 pods in Runner peanuts harvested by combines and by pickers near Tifton, Ga., at time of delivery to warehouse, 1955

Method of harvest and vine condition	Fields sampled	Interval between digging and picking	Solid pods	Cracked pods	Damaged kernels
Combined					
Vines unclipped	Number 5	Days 8-27	Percent 87	Percent 13	Percent 0.6
Vines clipped	5	6-26	89	11	.8
Picker harvested	6	29-56	81	19	.9

TABLE 14.--Insect-damaged kernels per 100 pods in Georgia-grown Spanish and Runner peanuts at time of delivery to local warehouses, 1955-56

		Solid	pods	Cracked	pods	Percentage
Year, county, and peanut type	Fields sampled	Percentage of total pods	Kernels damaged	Percentage of total pods	Kernels damaged	of kernels damaged in all pods
1955 Early County Spanish peanuts Runner peanuts	Number 6 2	Percent 78 82	Percent O O	Percent 22 18	Percent 4.0 1.7	Percent 0.8 .3
Ben Hill County Spanish peanuts	2	83	0	17	0	0
Crisp County Runner peanuts	2	74	0	26	1.5	•3
1956 Tift County Spanish peanuts	7	76	0	24	3.1	•7
Turner County Spanish peanuts Runner peanuts	3 4	76 73	0	24 27	1.4	.4
Crisp County Spanish peanuts Runner peanuts	2 3	80 79	0	20 21	4.9	.9

TABLE 15.--Insect-damaged kernels in Spanish, Runner, and Virginia peanuts at time of delivery to local warehouses near Tifton, Ga., during the 1955, 1956, and 1957 harvests

		Lo	Loose			Pe	Per 100 pods	10		
Year, source of peanuts,	Truck	shelled per	shelled kernels per quart	S	Solid pods		Cre	Cracked pods	ro.	Percent-
peanut type, and method of harvest	loads sampled	Total	Percent-	Percent-	Ke	Kernels	Percent-	Ker	Kernels	kernels
			damaged	total	Total	Damaged	total	Total	Damaged	all pods
1955										
Colquitt County Spanish peanuts Combined	Number 2	Number	Percent	Percent 93	Number 148	Percent 0	Percent 7	Number 12	Percent 4.2	Percent 0.3
Runner peanuts Picker-harvested	4 0	8 B		88 83	148	00	17	23	4.4	1.9
Virginia peanuts Picker-harvested	10	-	\$ \$	75	131	0	25	42	6.2	1.5
Cook County Spanish peanuts Picker-harvested	4 H	1-1	1 1	76	132	00	24	39	10.3	2.3
Ficker-harves ted	σm	1 1	1 1	8 8 8 8	148	00	14	19	6.0	ల భ
virginia peanuus Picker-harvested	Н	g B	§ \$	73	130	0	27	37	8.1	7.8
Tift County Spanish peanuts Picker-harvested	15		1 1	77 83	131	00	23	36	4.9 6.0	0.0
Author Peanus Picker-harvested	21		1 1	847	149	00	13	21	10.5	L. S.
virginia peanuus Ficker-harvested	6	1	ł	70	119	0	30	7.47	7.4	2.1
Turner County Spanish peanuts Ficker-harvested	45	1		92	134	00	23	36	6 60	0.0
Picker-harvested	95	! !	1 1	88 84 74	160	00	13	19	7.5	9. 6

TABLE 15.--Insect-damaged kernels in Spanish, Runner, and Virginia peanuts at time of delivery to local warehouses near Tifton, Ga., during the 1955, 1956, and 1957 harvests--Continued

		ro =	Is													
	Percent-	kernels	all pods		Percent 8.3	2,00		1.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	9.	2.6	2.6	7.	1.4
		els	Damaged		Percent 25.5	11.7		3.00	9.8	5.7	8.0	2.1	9.5	21.7	2.2	4.6
	Cracked pods	Kernels	Total		Number 51	43		45	31	09	70	47	67	23	31	52
Per 100 pods	Ora	Percent-	age or total		Percent 38	24		59	21	38	24	27	31	13	20	33
Pe		els	Damaged		Percent 0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0
	Solid pods	Kernels	Total		Number 106	139		125	146	114	146	141	124	169	154	122
	So	Percent-	total		Percent 62	94		7.1	64	62	94	73	69	87	80	29
shelled	per quart	Percent-	age damaged		Percent	1		12.1	14.0	14.4	5.1	0	20.0	24.0	0	20.0
	kernels j		10 cd L		Number	! !		15	11	7.1	1.8	w	\$0	21.0	3.4	5.2
	Truck	loads			Number 1	8		31	15	21	22	50	21	37	12	56
	Year, source of peanuts,	peanut type, and method of harvest		1955 continued	Webster County Spanish peanuts Picker-harvested	Wilcox County Spanish peanuts Picker-harvested	1956	Ashburn, Ga. Spanish peanuts Combined	runner peanuls Combined	Fitzgerald, Ga. Spanish peanuts Combined	runner peanuts Combined	viginia peanuts Combined	Sylvester, Ga. Spanish peanuts Combined	Rumer peanuts Picker-harves ted	Virginia peanuts Combined	Tifton, Ga. Spanish peanuts Combined

Runner peanuts Picker-harvested	Virginia peanuts Combined	1957	Ashburn, Ga. Spanish peanuts Picker-harvested	furnier peanus Picker-harvested	Cordele, Ga. Spanish peanuts Combined	Fitzgerald, Ga. Spanish peanuts Picker-harvested	Runner peanuts Combined	Virginia peanuts Combined	Hawkinsville, Ga. Spanish peanuts Combined	Leesburg, Ga. Spanish peanuts Combined	Runner peanuts Combined	Marianna, Fla. Spanish peanuts Picker-harvested	Picker-harvested	Moultrie, Ga. Runner peanuts Combined
34	31		~ ~ ~				19	•	· ·		9	:		
18.0	7.0	-	39.0	78.0	25.0	32.0	14.0	89	57.0	31.0	16.0	93.0	20.0	80.0
28.4	6.		13.0	19.2	43.0	27.4	25.2	14.1	20.6	32.8	30.0	16.1	31.6	83.7
68	73		79	69	82	83	84	78	73	72	83	7,4	83	92
130	138		151	133	160	161 138	157	139	128	122	156	151	157	148
00	0		00	00	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0
32	27		21	31 28	18	17.	16	22	27	58	17	56	17	77
56	77		37	422	33	30	19	31	97	77	27	97	31	77
7.0.	2.5		11.0	6.0	18.2	11.0	-3	5.4	2, 23	S	11.3	30.0	10.0	22.8
2.0	9.		57 W 1 80	3.2	<i>س</i> سا	L 8.	₩	1.0	9.	6.	7.6	,0 .0	1.6	5. 2

TABLE 15.--Insect-damaged kernels in Spanish, Runner, and Virginia peanuts at time of delivery to local warehouses near Tifton, Ga., during the 1955, 1956, and 1957 harvests--Continued

		J.	Poose			Ā	Per 100 pods	ω		
Year, source of peanuts,	Truck	shelled per	shelled kernels per quart	N	Solid pods		Ora	Cracked pods	70	Percent-
peanut type, and method of harvest	loads sampled	1	Percent-		Kernels	els	Percent-	Кет	Kermels	kernels
		Toral	age damaged	age of total	Total	Damaged	age of total	Total	Damaged	all pods
1957Continued										
Ocilla, Ga. Runner peanuts	Number	Number	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent
Ploker-harvested	13	7.0	26.1	χ κ δ ο ο	167	00	11	16	79	7.
Virginia peanuts Combined	Ħ	8.0	32.0	84	154	0	16	26	\$ 2	1.2
Sylvester, Ga. Spanish peanuts										
Picker-harvested	ч 9	30.0	32.5	81	153	00	19	30	26.7	4°3
Combined	24	16.0	28.4	79	149	0	21	35	5.1	1.0
Tifton, Ga. Spanish peanuts	r	(((# 1.	(1	1	3	,
Combined	- Y	74.0	22.8	71	151	00	29	28	10.7	9.4
Picker-harvested	1 78	14.0	42.8	87	170	00	13	38	84 0.0	1.0
Combined	80	5.0	25.0	86	162	0	14	21	2.9	€,

TABLE 16. -- Insects emerging from quart samples of peamuts held approximately 3 months after source lots were received at local warehouses near Tifton, Ga., in 1957

Source of peanuts	Truck loads sampled	Moths ¹	Saw- toothed grain beetle	Flour	Corn sap beetle	Flat grain beetle	Cadelle	Dermestes beetle	Miscella- neous
Ashburn, Ga	Number 69 35 35	Number 162 26 68 0	Number 271 1 140 15	Number 28 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Number 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Number 3 0 1	Number 0 0 1	Number 0 0 0 0	Number 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Marianna, Fla	24,24,17	2 127 127 87 282	18 20 68 135 430	0 1 13 23	7077	0000%	0000н	10%01	10014
Total		864	1,150	67	13	9	2	47	83

1 Composed of Angoumois grain moths, Indian-meal moths, and Ephestia spp.

17.--Insect-damaged kernels in peanuts collected from field stacks and from the picker in 5 Georgia counties, 1952-55

	Peanuts from	field stacks	Peanuts from
County, type of peanut, and year	September	October	pickers
Colquitt County			
Spanish peanuts	Percent	Percent	Percent
1952.	0.10	0.20	0.30
1953.	.06	.27	.28
1954	. 26	.53	.64
1955	.16	.62	1.56
	• ±0	• 02	1.00
Runner peanuts	7.0	0.0	
1952	.12	.22	.58
1953	.10	.18	.34
1954	.10	.12	.34
1955	.16	.12	.40
Cook County Spanish peanuts			
1952	.10	.17	•42
1953	.10	· 1 / • 25	.42 .38
1954	.22	.33	
			.70
1955	.16	.62	1.48
Runner peanuts			
1952	.06	.10	.38
1953	. 04	.10	.32
1954	.12	.36	.44
1955	.12	. 20	.36
Spanish peanuts 1952	.08 .04 .18	.28 .24 .43 .64	.54 .50 .76 1.72
Runner peanuts			
1952.	.02	.16	.40
1953	.10	.18	•46
1954	.06	.32	.42
1955.	.08	.18	.70
Furner County	• 00	• 10	• 10
Spanish peanuts			
1952	.12	. 27	. 28
1953	.10	.12	. 26
1954	.20	.27	.40
1955.	.16	.78	1.80
	• 10	• 10	1.00
Runner peanuts	- 4		
1952	.08	. 26	.36
1953	.08	. 20	.42
1954	.10	-44	.42
1955	.12	.08	. 58
Worth County			
Spanish peanuts			
1952	.06	. 23	. 28
1953	.12	.10	.20
1954	.14	.15	.34
1955	.16	.32	1.02

TABLE 18.--Insects found on field stacks or emerging from samples from field stacks of Spanish and Runner peanuts from 50 fields in 5 Georgia counties, 1952-55

Type of peanut, and species of insect	1952	1953	1954	1955	Total
Spanish peanuts	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Indian-meal moth	57	69	40	168	334
Ephestia moths	43	57	48	114	262
Corn sap beetle	16	39	51	149	255
Angoumois grain moth	69	17	11	14	111
Flour beetles	33	20	7	17	77
Rice weevil	7	14	2	26	49
Flat grain beetle	2	6	0	21	29
Square-necked grain beetle	0	0	Ó	24	24
Cadelle	2	0	Ô	9	11
Cigarette beetle	2	7	0	0	9
Saw-toothed grain beetle	3	Ō	2	0	5
Total	234	229	161	542	1,166
Runner peanuts					
Indian-meal moth	14	27	20	127	188
Corn sap beetle	31	43	29	72	175
Ephestia moths	21	24	13	92	150
Angoumois grain moth	47	33	9	11	100
Flour beetles	13	23	4	23	63
Rice weevil	2	16	7	11	36
Square-necked grain beetle	7	3	0	19	29
Flat grain beetle	0	0	0	14	14
Saw-toothed grain beetle	2	0	2	3	7
Cigarette beetle	0	0	0	3	3
Cadelle	1	0	0	0	l
Total	138	169	84	375	766

TABLE 19. -- Insects found on miscellaneous field stacks at Tifton, Ga., on specified dates, fall 1956

Date of examination	Stacks examined	Indian- meal moth	Ephestia moths	Angoumois grain moth	Corn sap beetle	Flour beetles	Square- necked grain beetle	Flat grain beetle	Coffee bean weevil	Rice weevil	Saw- toothed grain beetle
August 10	Number 25 28 30 30	Number 0 0 1	Number 0 0 0	Number 0 34 6	Number 3 4 0 4	Number 0 0 0	Number 0 0 0	Number 0 0 0	Number 0 0 0	Number 0 0 0	Number 0 0 0
September 8	45 60 75	007	000	поп	248	0 70	156	000	4 0 0	000	000
October 6	100	2 23	00	17	10	0 1	99	00	Н О	00	٦ 0
November 12	22	m 02	7 7	10	19	90	7	00	00	01	00
December 4	10 12 25 10	200	0000	0001	17 6 3 3 11	10 23	0 0 H 0 0	37 6 10	0000	0001	0000

TABLE 20.--Insects collected at picking from lots of Spanish and Runner peanuts field cured for various periods, Tifton, Ga., 1955

Type of peanuts; insects collected	Early digging and early picking	Late digging and late picking	Early digging and late picking
Spanish peanuts	Number	Number	Number
Indian-meal moth	10	11	Number 57
Corn sap beetle	28	10	38
-	7	8	40
Ephestia moths	2	0	11
Square-necked grain beetle	6	4	2
	2	· ·	8
Angoumois grain moth		1 2	7
Flour beetles	1		,
Cigarette beetle	0	3	4
Coffee bean weevil	0	0	4
Saw-toothed grain beetle	0	0	3
Cadelle	0	1	O
Total	56	42	174
Runner peanuts			
Corn sap beetle	32	18	43
Ephestia moths	10	4	42
Indian-meal moth	13	1	27
Square-necked grain beetle	2	9	7
Flour beetles	3	6	7
Angoumois grain moth	5	2	5
Rice weevil	1	4	4
Cigarette beetle	0	1	4
Coffee bean weevil	O	1	4
Saw-toothed grain beetle	0	0	3
Cadelle	Ō	0	2
Total	66	46	148

TABLE 21.--Insect-damaged kernels, cracked pods, and moisture content in Runner peanuts at various stages during harvesting by combines, Georgia, 1955

Harvesting stage and location of sample woi		Field No. 1			Field No. 2		Fi	Field No. 3	
	Moisture	Pods	Kernels	Moisture	Pods	Kernels damaged	Moisture	Pods	Kernels damaged
Pefore shaking	Percent	Percent 1.0	Percent 0.4	Percent	Percent 0.5	Percent 0.03	Percent	Percent 1.0	Percent 0.1
After shaking	ļ	1.8	.03	E E	1.4	.01	\$ \$	1.3	Τ,
	7.33	1.5	~ ,	7.86	۲.	r.	7.13	9.	년
Center of windrow 10	10.11	L. [01،	12.45	5.	• 05	9.42	50	.02
	12.85	10.0	. 03	14.60	. w.	70.	12.43	0.00	ာ့ ဆံ

TABLE 22.--Insect damage found by research workers, compared with defects scored by Federal-State inspectors, in individual paired samples of peanuts, 6 commercial warehouses in Georgia, July 1957

	Total insect damage (by count of kernels)		Defects scored in determining grade (by weight)			
Warehouse and sample number	Kernels in pods	Loose shelled kernels	Damaged kernels that ride the screen		Loose shelled	
			Total damaged	Insect damaged ¹	kernels ²	
Warehouse A	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
1	3.2	100.0	1.0	0.75	1	
2	1.7	33.3	1.0	0	2	
3	3.1	53.3	3.0	•40	ī	
4	3.1	37.5	1.0	.20	8	
5	4.6	61.1	2.0	.75	4	
325	2.2	38.1	2.0	.85	5	
326	3.0	32.4	1.0	.75	4	
327	2.2	38.9	1.0	0	6	
328	1.1	23.8	1.0	.65	5	
329	3.5	25.5	1.0	.50	4	
Warehouse B						
1	0	35.7	1.0	.75	3	
2	1.2	26.3	1.0	. 50	3	
3	0	22.9	2.0	.30	3	
4	1.1	33.3	1.0	. 50	4	
5	1.7	37.5	1.0	. 25	3	
70	3.9	18.2	3.0	.75	4	
71	1.8	30.6	2.0	.45	6	
72	1.2	10.0	1.0	. 25	4	
73	2.8	37.5	2.0	.75	3	
74	2.3	22.2	2.0	.30	6	
Warehouse C	3.0	00.7				
1	1.2	23.1	1.0	0	4	
2	.6	26.9	1.0	.30	4	
3	1.7	26.9	2.0	.85	3	
4	2.4	23.7	1.0	. 20	5	
56	1.2	12.1 33.3	2.0	.50	6	
57	1.1	27.3	1.0 2.0	.30	4	
58	1.1	12.5	1.0	0	4	
59	.6	33.3	1.0	•40	6	
60	.6	25.0	1.0	.20	3	
Warehouse D						
1	5.3	35.3	2.0	1.00	11	
2	4.7	37.1	2.0	1.00	7	
3	6.2	7.1	2.0	1.15	8	
4	6.6	36.4	2.0	.20	4	
5	2.9	28.6	1.0	.10	7	
20	3.4	22.9	0	0	11	
21	.6	20.5	.2	.20	10	
22	.6	7.5	0	.10	8	
23	0	5.4	1.0	.20	9	
24		8.5				

TABLE 22.--Insect damage found by research workers, compared with defects scored by Federal-State inspectors, in individual paired samples of peanuts, 6 commercial warehouses in Georgia, July 1957--Continued

	Total insect damage (by count of kernels)		Defects scored in determining grade (by weight)			
Warehouse and sample number	Kernels in pods	Loose shelled kernels	Damaged kernels that ride the screen		Loose shelled	
			Total damaged	Insect damaged ¹	kernels ²	
Warehouse E	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
		55.3				
1	5.0 7.0	53.5	2.0 3.0	1.00 2.55	8	
3	5.3	61.1	1.0	.45	8	
	5.8	57.5	1.0	.20	5 5	
=	5.6	56.8			5	
5	1		2.0	1.20		
99	2.9	26.3	1.0	.30	2	
100	3.5	29.4	2.2	2.20	6	
101	3.9	33.3	2.0	1.10	3	
102	3.0	61.5	2.0	1.30	2	
103	8.3	54.2	3.0	1.00	2	
Warehouse F						
1	1.1	38.0	2.0	0	2	
2	9.7	59.1	2.0	0	4	
3	1.7	46.2	2.0	1.50	4	
4	8.8	61.9	2.0	1.00	4	
5	3.4	35.7	3.0	1.30	4	
142	2.3	27.8	1.0	1.00	2	
143	1.1	25.0	1.0	.50	2	
144	.6	33.3	1.0	. 25	2	
145	4.3	35.7	2.0	1.25	3	
146	2.3	11.1	5.0	0	7	

 $^{^{\}mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$ Included in total defects. $^{\mbox{\scriptsize 2}}$ Includes insect-damaged loose shelled kernels.

TABLE 23.--Insect damage found by research workers, compared with defects scored by Federal-State inspectors, averages for paired samples of peanuts, 6 commercial warehouses in Georgia, July 1957

Warehouse and sample number	Truckloads sampled	Total insect damage (by count of kernels)		Defects scored in determining grade (by weight)			
		Kernels in pods	Loose shelled kernels	Damaged kernels that ride the screen		Loose shelled	
				Total damaged	Insect damaged ¹	kernels ²	
Warehouse A	Number 329	Percent 2.06	Percent 26.2	Percent	Percent 0.47	Percent 5.8	
Warehouse B	70	1.24	27.6	1.47	.34	4.3	
Warehouse C	62	1.38	30.1	1.06	.39	4.6	
Warehouse D	24	2.70	21.1	.83	.37	6.6	
Warehouse E	102	3.43	49.5	1.39	.81	3.6	
Warehouse F	146	2.99	27.6	1.54	.87	3.3	

Included in total defects.
Includes insect-damaged loose shelled kernels.

